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A.—(a) Seventy-six.

(b) Nil.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister will call for information whether any qualified Mappillas applied?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"For what period?"

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"For the last five years."

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"I shall consider the suggestion."

Fisheries

Representation of Muslims in the Fisheries department.

* 1726 Q.—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of persons belonging to the fishermen community employed in the Fisheries department;

(b) the number of Muslims belonging to the fishermen profession in the West Coast; and

(c) the number of Muslims employed in the Fisheries department especially on the West Coast?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Information is not available with Government.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether the Government will call for the information?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR:—"The information was not called for as the question was received by the Government only on the 24th instant."

Working of fish-curing yards as commercial concerns.

* 1727 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the fish-curing yards are run as commercial concerns;

(b) whether supervision charges, leave and pensionary contributions are added to the cost of running fish-curing yards in arriving at the net cost of running these yards; and

(c) whether there are concerns other than commercial undertakings of Government where this system of arriving at net cost is followed?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Proposed appointment of an Assistant Marine Biologist.

* 1728 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a proposal before Government to appoint an Assistant Marine Biologist in the Fisheries department;